

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 3 · Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. +Adela Raquepo req. by Tess Kolin and Family

10:30 a.m. For All the People of the Parish

12:00 noon +Frances Burke req. by Fr. Fred

Monday, January 4

7:00 a.m. Prayer/Communion Service

Tuesday, January 5

12:00 p.m. Joan Taylor req. by Emil and Chloe Szymanski

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 a.m. Angela Blahak req. by Matt and Casey Genelin and Family

Thursday, January 7

7:00 a.m. +Margaret Aradia req. by Budd and Jane Hoff

Friday, January 8

9:00 a.m. +Bill Rhodes req. by Jerry and Barbara Griffin

Saturday, January 9

4:00-5:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 p.m. Ryan Macicek req. by Cara Fournier

Sunday, January 10 · Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. +Frank A. Velasco req. by Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Velasco

10:30 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

12:00 noon For All the People of the Parish



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8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m. NO Religious Education PK-6 Grades

10:15-11:30 a.m. NO Adult Religious Education

5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Deanery

Priest Appreciation Dinner

NO Adult Scripture Study

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 4

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Rosary for Life at Planned Parenthood

Perini Center

Celebration Choir Practice

6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5

6:30 a.m.

Men's Spirituality Group

12:30 p.m.

NO Ladies Share Group

7:00-8:15 p.m.

R.C.I.A.

Wednesday, January 6

6:30-8:15 p.m.

Religious Education – 7-12 Grades

7:00 p.m.

Parish Choir

8:00 p.m.

Confirmation Practice for Rite of Enrollment

Thursday, January 7

9:30 a.m.

Adult Scripture Study

Friday, January 8

Saturday, January 9

4:00-5:15 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat – January 9-10

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday, January 10 · Baptism of the Lord

8:45-10:00/10:15-11:30 a.m.

Noon Mass - Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

10:15-11:30 a.m.

Religious Education PK-6 Grades

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Adult Religious Education

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Adult Scripture Study

TNT in Youth Center

Please pray for

Emma Torres Afable, Mariel Afable Guico, Father Romanus Akamike, Joyce and Joe Bayer, Ben and June Benigno, Neil Boecking, Curtis Caffey, Terry Chavez, Jim Cantrell, Mac Davis, Tracy Desrochers, Earl Dees, George Deebbs, Sister Regina Decker, Bea and Dick Dupont, Elizabeth Edington, James Finn, Wendy Havner, Ron Hudek, Maria Karhan, Will Klump, Morgan and Gene Knapp, Joe Leal, Parker McCay, Jim Munson, Martha O'Campo, Jean Pecchioni, Lisa Porter, Tracy Prickett, Michael Redwine, Landry Robinson, Carol Saia, Barbara Schwalb, Cecile Schwalb, Toby Smith, Emil Szymanski, James Toland, Ella Fae Turnipseed, Oliva Velasco, Jeffrey Wisner, and Father Bill Yester.

(Names are removed from the prayer list after four weeks. Please call the office at 692-1820 if you would like a name to remain on the list.)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS, the soul of Dorothy Pope, mother of Howard (Penny) Pope and the soul of Antony Ky, father of Bien (Vinh) Nguyen. We pray that their families will be comforted by the promise of the resurrection, and that they and all the faithful departed may rest in peace through God's mercy.

MINISTRY TO CATHOLICS TRAVELING: A free ministry of Mass times and locations is available to Catholics while traveling at www.Masstimes.org. A toll free number is no longer available.

K of C APPRECIATION DINNER FOR PRIESTS in the Abilene Deanery will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus Assembly 1116. The dinner will be held this Sunday, January 3, 2010, in the Holy Family Parish Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend to help honor our priests. Meals are \$10.50 per person payable at the door. Please RSVP Chris Shows at 690-1849 or e-mail at: kcdinner@sbcglobal.net to reserve your place.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

Feb. 6 – 11

Parish Mission

RCIA RESUMES THIS WEEK with a presentation on the Mass by Msgr. Nawarskas, and will meet in the parish center at 7:00 p.m.

SENIOR "HELPING HANDS" NETWORK is a ministry here at Holy Family Church that identifies the needs of seniors in our parish. Members of the Women's Wednesday Noon Cursillo Group are sponsors, but we invite everyone to help. Please contact JoAnn Vestal at 854-1452 or 669-3497, if you know of any parishioners who would appreciate a visit, a phone call, an errand run or some task completed.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet each Thursday evening in the Chapel from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Join us in contemporary Praise and Worship, Thanksgiving, Talks on Living Life in the Spirit, Intercessory Prayer, and Healing Prayer. On the third Thursday of each month, a special evening called "Thy Kingdom Come" will be devoted to Charismatic and Contemplative Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited! For more information, please contact Dee Halbert at 668-6828.

DID YOU KNOW training is required and Bishop Pfeifer must approve anyone who takes communion to the homebound and hospitalized. If you are interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Communion for the Sick, please contact the pastor.

LADIES SHARE GROUP will not meet for their regular Tuesday meeting on January 5th. The meetings will resume Tuesday, January 12, 2010.

The Epiphany of the Lord

Save the Date!!!

Family Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance

At

Holy Family Parish Center
Saturday, February 13, 2010

Honoring

Msgr. Fred Nawarskas
During The "Year for Priests"

CELEBRATE LIFE BASSINET will be in the church foyer next weekend, January 9th and 10th to accept contributions of new baby supplies such as diapers, formula, clothing, and blankets in support of the Pregnancy Resources of Abilene. Please help PRA help others choose life. You may call Mary Clark at 698-7373.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please call the parish office and let us know when you will be in the hospital. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can make an appointment for the priest to administer this at the parish office or immediately after one of the Sunday Masses. Be sure to ask the nurses to contact the parish office as soon as possible if you, your family member or friend need to receive the sacraments. Please note that Abilene Regional Hospital does not notify the church office when our parishioners are admitted.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY will continue at Planned Parenthood Perini Center, 3449 North 10th Street, Abilene. We encourage everyone to join St. Vincent Church parishioners on Monday, January 4th, in praying for an end to chemical abortions in Abilene and for the protection of all human life from conception to natural death.

WHAT IS TNT? TNT is **Teen Night Tonight**. It is a youth program for all teens in 7-12 grades. Come join other Catholic teens at the Youth Center for games, food, fellowship, youth-led discussions, praise songs, and prayer. See "The Week Ahead" in the bulletin for dates and times or contact Penny Pope at 692-1280, for more information.

VOCATION CROSS FAMILIES NEEDED: We invite you to sign up for a special time of family prayer for religious vocations. At the beginning of your scheduled week, your family will pick up the vocation cross located on the table in the church foyer after Mass and return it the following weekend. The cross should be displayed in a prominent place in the home as a reminder to pray for religious vocations. Please feel free to pray your own special prayers or you may use the special prayer card provided. The parish joins you in prayer for religious vocations.

January 3rd – Bob Moore and Family
January 10th – The Hall Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR DECEMBER 19-20, 2009 with 1,143 families

Envelopes and Checks	27,428.00
Loose Plate.....	1,586.46
Building Fund.....	165.00
Miscellaneous	1,412.00
Total Income.....	30,519.46
Additional Offerings for Retired Religious.....	3,848.00

dear Padre

January 3, 2010

Can deacons preside at weddings?

Can deacons preside at wedding ceremonies? What about baptisms and other duties usually thought of as reserved for priests?

Cyndy

Dear Cyndy,

The Catholic Church has two kinds of deacons: *Transitional deacons*, seminarians in the last stage of their studies for the priesthood, and *permanent deacons*, men who will remain deacons.

Transitional and permanent deacons can baptize, give homilies at Mass, give blessings (for example, the blessing of throats on Saint Blaise's feast day), perform Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and preside at wedding and funeral services where there is no Mass.

Neither type of deacon can administer the sacrament of reconciliation. They can visit and bless the sick, but they cannot anoint them. Deacons can distribute holy Communion, but they cannot consecrate the bread and wine.

Unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons can be married. If a deacon's wife dies, he may not remarry except in certain circumstances, for example, if his children are still very young. Unmarried permanent deacons must remain unmarried.

Deacons are vital to the life of the Church. Many permanent deacons have families and full-time jobs in addition to their Church work. We don't thank deacons and their families enough for the many sacrifices they make for the people of God.

Donnell Kirchner, C.Ss.R.

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BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL: Those who are organizing basketball and volleyball teams and would like to practice or arrange for games in our parish gymnasium need to call the parish office and get on the schedule. Please call Mrs. Gail Wheeler at 692-1820 for more information.

HOLY FAMILY E-MAIL ADDRESS: Our parish e-mail address is: mail@holyfamilyabilene.org. You may also check our website at www.HolyFamilyAbilene.org for information and updates on our parish activities.

MASS INTENTIONS: The requested stipend for a Mass is \$5 per Mass. If you would like the office to mail the acknowledgment card for you, there is an additional \$1 fee for postage and handling. Father Fred can make arrangements for a Mass to be said sooner at another location. The office would then notify you once the Mass has been said.



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